

**SUBWAY FIRE
IN NEW YORK;
BUT ONE DEAD**

Flames Break in Under-ground Car During the Morning Rush Hour.

SCORES ARE OVERCOME

Entire Department of the City and All Ambulances Summoned to the Scene.

New York, Jan. 6.—More than one hundred persons were overcome by smoke, cut by broken glass, bruised and otherwise injured in a fire aboard a train in the subway at the height of the rush hour this morning. In the panic and confusion which ensued police authorities issued a report that 100 persons lost their lives, but this later proved to be unfounded. Only one known death was recorded.

The entire fire-fighting force of Manhattan, every ambulance and every pumper that could be found were brought to the scene. The fact that scores were unconscious led to the early report that many had been killed. Police Commissioner Woods and Mrs. Edith Weston announced as far as they knew there had been no fatalities. A surgeon at a hospital reported one injured woman died on the way to the hospital.

All smokestack covers were removed, as well as ventilator gratings. Into these openings the firemen placed hose. Other squads crawled through tunnel smoke that poured from the Forty-ninth and Fifty-third street stations into the tube itself and worked in reverse. Through the smoke at the man holes could be seen red flames issue. Hundreds of passengers wedged in cars said afterward that the fire started from an explosion and that their train came immediately to a standstill. There was a frantic rush for the ends of the car. Through the open doors poured a stream of men and women, who struggled through the smoke towards the two stations. The platforms of those were jammed and to the wild rush for the exits many were thrown down and trampled on. The transportation men that resulted from the fire spread to the Bronx and to Brooklyn and tens of thousands of persons struggled at elevated and subway stations in those boroughs in an effort to reach Manhattan.

Unconscious in Seats.

Two hundred persons in all were taken to the Polyclinic hospital, a surgeon said, but as far as he knew, only one, a woman, was fatally injured.

When the firemen entered the two trains they found many passengers sitting in their seats unconscious, others lying in the aisles and everywhere evidence of terrific panic. The floors were strewn with hair and torn clothing. Other passengers were lying on the ground beside the tracks. Every window in the cars was broken.

**EDITOR PERSON IS FINED
FOR BRANDING MAN SCAB**

Bloomington, Ill., Jan. 6.—In the federal court here yesterday Carl E. Purcell, editor of the Strike Bulletin at Clinton, Ill., pleaded guilty to a charge of sending "scurrilous and defamatory" matter through the mails and was fined \$100 and costs by Judge Humphrey. The charge against Purcell was that he had printed the obituary of a nonunion employee of the Illinois Central railroad in which he called a man a "scab."

Open Shop at Ohio Mines.

Cleveland, Ohio, Jan. 6.—Eastern Ohio coal operators whose mines have been closed by a strike since April have decided to reopen under the "open shop."

Bloomington, Ill., Jan. 6.—William Taylor of Manfield received word that his mother, whom he had sought for many years, had been located in Jefferson county, this state. When a child of 4 he was turned over to a farmer to rear, following the death of his father. His mother lost track of her son and each had sought the other. They had been separated 26 years.

**GERMAN SPIES IN
CANADIAN TROOPS**

New York, Jan. 6.—Forty-three German spies were arrested among Canadian troops which sailed for England last fall, according to Charles Walter, an attorney at Toronto, who returned from England today. Walter said he was largely instrumental in identifying the prisoners and causing their arrest. One of the alleged spies was killed by troops before officers could prevent it.

Redman's statement follows:

Belgian Children in Desperate Straits

Top: Belgian children in Antwerp receiving food from German soldiers. Bottom: German soldiers giving food to starving children in Antwerp.

The War Today

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.

London, Jan. 6.—To victory over the Austrians last week is added, according to Petrograd claims, the loss of two or three Turkish columns which invaded Russian Caucasus. The latest reports from the Russian military authorities are that the defeat of the Turks was complete. One Turkish army corps was annihilated. The campaign against the Germans, however, has led to no definite results. The Germans are handicapped by bad weather in their advance towards Warsaw, but Berlin asserts slow progress is being made. Friendly relations have been established between Russian soldiers and smaller guards of Roumania, adjoining Balkans, and it is believed in Petrograd that Roumania is likely to enter the war. French trenches in Aragon were occupied yesterday by Germans and in an area of Alzaga French troops were driven away from a position near St. Jil. According to reports, an announcement from Berlin, in Polish minor German successes are related, including capture of 1,400 prisoners.

Though the great earth slides in Caucasus have apparently been combed, according to Colonel Goethals' report, the earth movements continue in the neighborhood of Gold Hill. At that point the encampment masses of earth on the side of the canal, by their great pressure, are continuously forcing rock and soil in great quantities into the canal prism.

The movement is sufficiently extensive to require the continuous employment of dredging to maintain the channel. While this can be done to clear the needs of the present number and size of vessels that are applying for passage, Colonel Goethals reported that he could not guarantee that there would be a channel broad enough and deep enough for the great dredgers next spring.

The masters of the earth movements at Gold Hill is considered only a question of time when the earth mass find its equilibrium. Colonel Goethals, however, is unable to promise that this period of stability will be attained by the time the naval fleet is enabled to reach the canal.

As the program of the fleet from the time it reaches Hampton Roads to its arrival at San Francisco is pre-determined, the earth movements continue to the advantage of the British. By means of the riding boats, the British can easily pass through the channel.

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ASTRONOMICAL EVENTS.
Evening stars: Jupiter, Saturn, Morning stars: Mars, Venus. The square of Pegasus is formed by three stars of constellation Pegasus and one of constellation Andromeda; seen due west about 9 p. m.

**MUST GO SLOW IN
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**OLDCROOK ON
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Efforts of Republicans and Democrats to Get Together Are Unsuccessful.

Armed, Hiding in Forest on Rock River, Defying County Officers.

ESCAPES FROM SHACK

Sends Warning to Sheriff That He Will Kill If Attempt Is Made to Take Him.

Oregon, Jan. 6.—Joseph Boyer, alleged parolee convict, and his brother-in-law escaped during the night from a little fishing shack on an island in Rock river where they are held deputy sheriffs to dislodge them, and today were pursued into the forest south of the river used by former Congressman Frank Ladd. The two men were armed and it is believed they have been ransacking summer cottages along the river. Boyer was named as the confederate of two men arrested in Rockford as having participated in robberies. A woman in the fishing shack was taken to Oregon.

Boyer has been four times an inmate of Joliet prison. He has been a butler most of his life and he is 42 years old. The last and fourth time he was sent to the penitentiary was Jan. 13, 1912. He served until May 5, 1914, when the prison physician reported that he was threatened with tuberculosis. Then he was paroled.

The summer homes of Chicagoans along the Rock river are infested each winter by tramps. Boyer joined them, but the police say that his old instincts remained uppermost. He was not content to live in the cottages and beg his food. He robbed wherever he went.

Invasions Occupied House.

Finally he selected the home of John H. Coulter, a Chicago lawyer. He found that three persons, two women and a man, were residing there for the winter. But that made no difference. The house is on an island. He needed a refuge. The police were after him. So he took possession.

Sheriff Mackay and two of his deputies made their way yesterday across and through the ice in the river. In places it was too thin to tread upon. They alternately rowed their boat and pushed it before them. Reaching the island, they started toward the front door of the cottage.

A crack of a rifle warned them away. They dodged behind trees. Then the convict shouted at them: "I'll kill you before you get me, but not going back."

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**CAR LOADS OF
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Villa-Zapata Forces Said to Have Lost Several Thousand Killed.

OBREGON IN CONTROL

Black Smallpox Breaks Out in Coast City and People Panic-Stricken.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 6.—Black smallpox has broken out at Vera Cruz, Mexico. The town is in the throes of an epidemic.

Hundreds of dead and wounded from the battle of Puebla were being brought into town today, according to General Carranza, whose only information from Carranza sources was that the Villa-Zapata troops had been defeated heavily.

According to the Carranza agency, General Obregon is in complete control of Puebla. A dispatch to the agency here says: "Dead and wounded filled the streets when revolutionaries entered the city and the number was greatly augmented by sharp street fighting; in many instances with the bayonet. It is believed the rebels lost thousands killed and wounded. Five thousand were taken prisoners. Obregon wired he would be attacking Mexico City within 30 days."

The fall of Puebla came after six hours of what is described as having been the most furious bombardment to which any Mexican force has yet been subjected.

General Obregon, commanding the Carranza troops, worked into position about the city Monday night with virtually all his forces, which are reported to have aggregated no less than 20,000 men. He had determined to make the battle as short as possible and threw nearly all his men into action, beginning the fighting early in the morning.

Pounded With 92 Cannon.

After pounding with 92 cannon the positions of the troops of Generals Villa and Zapata, whose strength is estimated to have been some 15,000 men, the troops of General Obregon advanced under the fire of their opponents' artillery. Generals Alvarado and Matamoros were in charge of the forces moving from the east and had under their direction most of the cavalry.

**JAMES M'RELL, PIONEER,
SUCCUMBS AT CAMBRIDGE**

Cambridge, Jan. 6.—James McRell, a pioneer resident of Burns township, passed away at the home of his son, William McRell, here Sunday evening at 8:30. A native of Ireland he was born in the county of Donegal, March 26, 1835.

His parents came to the United States in 1840 and located in Philadelphia. Four years later the family took up their residence in Huron township where it has been until now. In 1859 he was united in marriage to Rachel Brown, who passed away in 1866. To this union two children were born, of whom Mrs. W. B. Cooke of Cambridge, still survives.

In 1870 he was again married to Miss Elizabeth Graham. To them four sons and one daughter were born. The daughter died in infancy. The sons are William, Cambridge; James, St. James; Miss, Charles, Homestead; and Robert, Eugene, Oregon.

He voted for Lincoln but after his administration he became a staunch Democrat and was loyal to his party. He was supervisor of Burns township for six years.

The funeral services were held at the First Methodist Church in Burns. Burial was today in Calvary cemetery.

Government Sues for \$20,000,000.

Columbus, Ohio, Jan. 6.—Suit for \$20,000,000 was filed in federal court today against the Capital City Dairy company. The sum is alleged due the government on taxes on colored margarine. A receiver is asked.

Diamond, Ill., Jan. 6.—Representatives of the fair associations of Peoria, Williamson, Union and Jackson counties will meet at Murphyboro to consider a change in the makeup of the Southern Illinois fair circuit. The Jackson county association is the first in southern Illinois to adopt the five-day fair.

**MILLION SPENT TO
ELECT PENROSE?**

Washington, D. C., Jan. 6.—That more than a million was spent in behalf of Senator Penrose in his recent successful campaign for reelection was alleged before the senate elections committee today by Representatives Palmer and Ripley of Pennsylvania.